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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace current drawing sheet 2 of 2, containing Figures 3 and 4, with the enclosed replacement drawing sheet 2 of 2, in which Figure 4 has been amended to show a vacuum sheet

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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful consideration of this application. Claims 1-17, 19, and 20 are currently pending. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 18 has been cancelled, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the claimed subject matter. New claim 20 has been added to further define the invention. Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Objections to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) for allegedly failing to show every feature specified in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner indicated that the “gas-pressurized spring” of claim 18 and the “vacuum sheet” of claim 19 must be shown or the features cancelled from the claims. Claim 18 has been cancelled, without prejudice, thereby overcoming this objection with respect to the “gas-pressurized spring.” Figure 4 has been amended to show a vacuum sheet 25, thereby overcoming this rejection with respect to the “vacuum sheet” of claim 19. This amendment is supported, *inter alia*, by claim 19 as originally filed and the specification as filed at paragraph 29. Accordingly, no new matter has been entered. The Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

Objections to the Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification because it appeared that “4” should be replaced with “3” on page 13 at line 8. The specification has been amended at paragraph 24 to correct this informality. In addition, the specification has been amended at paragraph 29 to

include reference number 25 for the vacuum sheet.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner stated that it was unclear in claim 1 what the difference was between the claimed “carrier strut” and “u-shaped housing element.” Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the “u-shaped housing element compris[es] two leg sections connected by [the] carrier strut,” thereby overcoming this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-10, 14, 15, and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,953,793 to Roder. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of amended independent claim 1.

Claim 1, as amended, recites a double pressure cylinder arrangement, comprising, *inter alia*, “a substantially u-shaped housing element comprising two leg sections connected by a carrier strut having an intermediate section; a first pressure cylinder housed in one of the two leg sections; [and] a second pressure cylinder housed in the other of the two leg sections.” Roder does not disclose or suggest a double pressure cylinder arrangement having such a configuration.

Roder discloses a pressing arm including a traverse member 12''' having two lateral columns 12', 12'' attached thereto. Each lateral column 12', 12'' has a conventional pneumatic pressing device 9a, 9b *mounted* thereto. (See Roder at 5:24-32; Figs. 4 and 5.) This is in contrast to the claimed invention, in which “a first pressure cylinder [is] *housed in* one of the two

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leg sections; [and] a second pressure cylinder [is] *housed in* the other of the two leg sections,” for example, as shown in Figure 4 of the present application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable over Roder. Claims 2-17, and 19-20 depend from claim 1, and are patentable for the same reasons, as well as for reciting additional features.

Conclusion

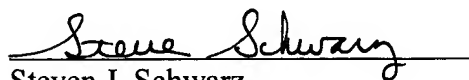
All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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